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KIDNAPPING CASE HEARD BY JURY

"He was a handsome boy when I saw him at Shum Chun, but at the identification parade held by the Police, his face was pale and I was therefore unable to identify him."

This was said by Choi Kiu, a witness who testified before Mr. Justice Gould (Puisne Judge) and a jury of five men and two women, at the trial of Wong Choon at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

She was explaining to the Court and the jury how it was that she was unable to recognise Wong Choon at the identification parade held at Ping Shan Police Station.

Wong Choon, charged with committing a robbery at Tin Long in the New Territories on May 24, kidnapping Li Mau-lol with intent to procure a ransom for his liberation, forcible detention of Li Mau-lol, possession of a revolver without a licence on February 2, conspiracy to rob the passengers of a bus and receiving a wrist watch, knowing it to be stolen property.

Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the case for the prosecution, assisted by Det. Sub. Inspector W.J. Wall.

Accused, who pleaded not guilty to the six charges, was not legally represented.

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that the complainant, Li Mau-lol, was a retired merchant from overseas and lived in a village near Tin Long.

Threatened With Revolver

On May 24, four men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, entered his home and demanded that he give up his shotgun. At first he refused to do so, but at the point of a revolver, he complied with the demand.

Li was then taken out of the house and forced up to the hills that evening. The following morning, the men took Li to Shing Shui, where he was detained the whole day. At nightfall, he was taken into Chinese territory, where he was detained until June 17, when he was released and allowed to return home.

While Li was being detained, his wife and sister-in-law received letters, which had since been mislaid. Witnesses would be called to say that there was an indication in the letter and also a demand for money by way of ransom. The letter further indicated where one or other of the women should go to discuss the ransom terms.

The sister-in-law, Choi Kiu, went to Shum Chun and met the men, who demanded \$20,000 for the release of Li. Some bargaining took place and it was agreed that \$9,000 be paid as ransom money. An appointment was made by the men for the next day at the same place. The sum of \$8,500 was collected by Choi Kiu, who went to Shum Chun the next day to keep her appointment. She again met the men and paid over the sum of \$4,500 to them. Her brother-in-

Identified Man

An identification parade was held at the Ping Shan Police Station on July 2 and the complainant identified accused as one of the men who had carried out the robbery and who later kidnapped him. No one else made any identification.

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that a curious thing happened after the identification parade had been dismissed. Inspector D.H. Taylor, who was in charge of the case, took accused and the witnesses to his office. Accused was taken first, followed by the two women.

On seeing the women, accused turned and said to Choi Kiu, "Don't you know me? I can identify you. You have been talking with me at Shum Chun." Choi Kiu then recognised the accused as one of the men who she had spoken when she took money for the release of her brother-in-law.

After complainant and his wife had given evidence in support of the case for the prosecution, Choi Kiu was called. She related how, after the receipt of the letter from her brother-in-law, she had gone to Shum Chun to discuss terms for his release. She also said that she paid over \$8,500 to four men, one of whom she now identified as accused.

Recollected Seeing Him

When asked why she had not been able to identify accused at the identification parade, witness said that when she saw him at Shum Chun he was a "handsome boy" whereas at the identification parade his face was pale and she was therefore unable to recognise him.

It was only after accused had addressed her at the Ping Shan Police Station that she recollected having seen him at Shum Chun.

Following further evidence by prosecution witnesses, accused was asked to make a statement made by him had been made under duress.

The jury was then asked to retire pending argument as to the admissibility of these statements. Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

50 Smugglers Intercepted

Chinese Maritime Customs patrols intercepted a caravan of 50 armed smugglers near the Chinese border town of Shumchun on Sunday morning.

In a hour-long exchange of fire one smuggler was killed. No casualties were suffered by the Customs personnel.

The caravan was intercepted while it was travelling through Yellow Back Summit Village, northeast of Shumchun. A border message yesterday said the smugglers opened fire.

Except for the one smuggler shot dead, the rest escaped with the goods they were carrying. The caravan was travelling from the British border at the time of the interception.

Sentenced For Keeping Opium Divan

With a previous conviction for larceny in 1946, Leung Chan was sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$600 (or another three months) by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, on the charges of keeping an opium divan and possessing prepared opium.

Inspector J. Orem said that the premises at 219 Reclamation Street, first floor, were raided by Divisional Superintendent Luscombe and DSI J. R. Sykes on Sunday when 24 pots of opium, a pipe, five lamps and two smokers were found.

One of the smokers was fined \$35 and the other \$50. The smoking gear was ordered to be confiscated.

Six weeks' hard labour and a fine of \$500 (or a further six weeks) was the sentence passed on Chan Tin by Mr. Latimer for keeping an opium divan at 269 Reclamation Street on September 26.

In the raid by DSI Luscombe and DSI Sykes, 13 pots of opium, two pipes and four lamps were seized, and one smoker arrested. He was fined \$50.

The same penalty was passed on Wong Fai when he admitted keeping a divan at 286 Reclamation Street, ground floor, on Sunday. Three of his smokers were fined \$50, and the fourth one had his bail of \$100 estreated.

The 12 pots of opium, two pipes and six lamps seized by Detective Sub-Inspector E. G. Baker were ordered to be confiscated.

Chased Wife With Chopper

Huang Wing, aged 47, had his head bandaged when he was brought before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of fighting with his 20-year-old wife, Lam Ching-mui, on Sunday.

According to Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans, the husband got his injuries as the result of being struck on the head with a wooden clog after a quarrel with his wife which started in their house on the second floor of 45 Pine Street, ended in the street.

He got so angry with this assault that he grabbed hold of a chopper and chased after his spouse. He was, however, stopped by Police constable 1119 at Fuk Tsun Street who, after hearing his tale of woe, brought him and the woman to the Station.

In reply to the bench, the couple said that they were prepared to be friends again. They were both bound over in the sum of \$50 for a year.

Reminders

Today
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Service is My Business" by D.L. Stralath, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.
Gardening Lecture by Mrs. Walter Scott, YWCA, Duddell Street, 10.30 a.m.

TOMORROW
H.K. Art Club exhibition, Helena May Institute, 4-7 p.m.
Toc H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY
RAF Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
H.K. Art Club exhibition, Helena May Institute, 4-7 p.m.

FRIDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

SATURDAY
Michaelmas Fair, Volunteer Corps Parade Ground, 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY
Classical Concert, Toc H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 6.30 p.m.

Youth Banished 7 Times, Returns Again To Colony

When a 15-year-old boy was brought before Mr. W. H. Latimer at the Kowloon Juvenile Court yesterday on the charge of returning from banishment, Inspector J. Orem revealed that it was his eighth offence within 19 months.

According to his records, he was banished and given \$10 to go back to Canton when he admitted receiving stolen property on February 10, 1947. Two months later he was ordered to receive three strokes of the cane and to be expelled from the Colony.

Three weeks later, he was again before the Juvenile Court on the charge of larceny from the person and breach of the expulsion order. He was ordered to receive six strokes of the cane and to be expelled.

Within a week, he was back in Court on the count of breach of returning from expulsion, and was given six strokes and again to be re-expelled. On May 30, 1947, or two weeks after the previous order, he was once more charged with breach of expulsion order and ordered to receive eight strokes and to be re-expelled.

On March 30 last, he was brought before the Juvenile Magistrate on the charges of larceny from the person and breach of expulsion order. This time he was given eight strokes, six weeks' simple imprisonment and recommended to be banished. He was deported on April 23.

Received 10 Strokes
The next time he was brought before the Juvenile Court was on May 6 when he was again charged with larceny from the person and returning from banishment. He was ordered to receive 10 strokes, six months' simple imprisonment and recommended to be re-banished. He was sent out of the Colony on August 23.

He was arrested at Shaughnessy Street near Dundas Street on the afternoon of September 20 by two district watchmen, said Inspector Orem.

The magistrate ordered defendant to be sent to the Reformatory for two years, and recommended that he be re-banished after his release.

Steamer Aground At Hoihow
A radio message received here reported that the 381-ton steamer Hwa Loong ran aground in Hoihow Bay yesterday.

She was reported safe and undamaged. The Canton message said that a typhoon was still hitting the Hoihow area.

The steamer Hwa Loong was formerly on the Canton-Hong Kong run and made her last visit here in April last year.

She was then transferred to the Canton-Hainan service. No one was reported injured. The Norwegian merchant ship Francisville, reported she was "influenced" by typhoon seas en route from Cebu on arriving here yesterday. No damage was sustained, despite the rolling seas.

The vessel leaving for the Straits today and carries four European passengers in transit from the Philippines. Four others disembarked here.

She brought about 300 tons of general cargo and 1,641 tons in transit.

Fitter Cautioned By Mr. Latimer
Chan Fuk, 24, fitter employed by the Royal Naval Dockyard, was cautioned and discharged by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he pleaded not guilty to larceny of several tools, the property of the Dockyard.

Chan was caught taking the tools out of the dockyard area in a basket.

Defendant claimed that he was only taking the tools home for his own use after which he would return them. He admitted however taking them without permission of the Chief Engineer.

Addressing the prosecution, Mr. Latimer said that as there was no evidence whatsoever that Chan intended to steal the tools, and owing to the fact that defendant had pleaded not guilty, there was no alternative but to caution and discharge him.

SENTENCED FOR LARCENY
Because Tsang Kwok-chi, aged 22, an odd job cooler, admitting picking up a pen and \$70 in cash, he was yesterday charged with larceny by finding instead of larceny from the person.

Inspector Brownrigg at Central said that Mr. J. H. Jansen lost his pen and money in a wallet. He did not know where he had lost it but defendant was found with the articles in his possession.

He was sentenced to one month's hard labour and the goods returned to the complainant.

RA Gunner Charged At Kowloon

Gunner N. H. Walmesley, of the 25th Royal Artillery, was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, with assault on a bus conductor, evading payment of bus fare and alighting from a moving vehicle.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

He was represented by Captain Heaton of the 25th Royal Artillery.

Lui Yee, conductor of Bus No. 4621 of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company stated that about 10 p.m. on the night of September 17, his bus started on its route from the Star Ferry terminus. When it got as far as Halphong Road defendant boarded the bus.

Instead of going right into it, defendant stood on the back steps. When Lui asked for his fare, defendant was alleged to have made some vague signs but did not tender any fare.

Sometimes between Halphong Road and Hillwood Road defendant was alleged to have struck Lui, who then ordered the driver to direct the bus to the Police Station.

Walmesley at this point jumped from the bus but was eventually caught and handed over to the police.

Defence Story
The defence claimed that Walmesley had been pushed off the bus by the conductor when he was delayed in paying the fare on account of the bus being crowded. Walmesley himself stated that the conductor in asking him for the fare rubbed his fingers into his ribs and addressed him in too gruff a tone.

When he put his fingers into his pocket to withdraw the money, the conductor, perhaps thinking that he was going to strike him, tried to work him off and in doing so pushed him off the bus.

Defendant then told how he was chased into Parkes Street, where both conductors assaulted him.

In passing sentence, Mr. Latimer declared that he did not believe defendant was guilty of the alleged assault, and cleared him of the charge.

On the second count defendant was fined \$15, and on the third he was cautioned.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

Annoyed, He Struck Lorry Driver
His annoyance at being recalled from leave led to Kan Sik-ye being charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with wounding Chong Shuen.

Inspector J. Orem said that both parties were employed as lorry drivers by the Wan Lee Transportation Co. On Saturday night, Chong's lorry broke down and he telephoned back to the garage for another truck to take up the load from his vehicle.

Defendant, who was on leave, was recalled and instructed to go to the assistance of Chong. He got annoyed and, on arrival, quarrelled with his colleague.

This quarrel was continued that same night at Pitt Street, and, taking his temper, defendant took up an iron bar and struck complainant on the head with it. Chong was sent to the Kowloon Hospital and detained. His condition was, however, not considered serious.

In reply to the magistrate, defendant said that complainant took up a heavy driver and wanted to attack him with it. He struck Chong in self-defence.

Remembering that it was a case of both men losing their temper in a quarrel, Mr. Latimer bound defendant over in the sum of \$250 for a year.

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(2) Licensed hawkers are requested to present themselves in person and to produce their existing licences on the days set out below:—

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October 4th, Monday	Central, Hong Kong.
" 5th, Tuesday	Western/Central, Hong Kong.
" 6th, Wednesday	Western, Hong Kong.
" 7th, Thursday	Eastern, Hong Kong.
" 8th, Friday	Upper/Levels & Outlying, Hong Kong.
" 9th, Saturday	NIL.
" 11th, Monday	NIL. (Holidays).
" 12th, Tuesday	Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon.
" 13th, Wednesday	Mongkok, Kowloon.
" 14th, Thursday	Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.
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N. B. M. WHITLEY, Secretary, Urban Council.

Hong Kong, October 28, 1948.

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B. MELLOR, Registrar.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the European Young Men's Christian Association, Hong Kong, at which the Report of the Board of Directors, and the Statement of Accounts will be presented, will be held in the West Lounge, at 6 p.m., on THURSDAY, 7th October, 1948.

TEA will be served in the West Lounge from 5.30 onwards.

By order of the Board of Directors,

A. W. INGRAM, General Secretary.

European Y.M.C.A. Sallisbury Road, Kowloon.

Hong Kong, Sept. 25, 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Double Tenth Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 9th, and Monday, 11th October, 1948, may be obtained from The Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, The Club House, Happy Valley and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Bangkok World Fair Planned

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Necessary Requirements
The provinces of Siam have sent in the necessary requirements, while there have already been numerous enquiries from some European countries. It is expected that every nation in the world will be represented in the fair.

A motion picture of the world fair will be made, Mr. Rosefelt remarked.

The King of Siam will open the fair.

ACADEMICA SINICA

Nanking, September 26. The General Assembly of the Academia Sinica which opened here on Saturday, elected, at today's meeting, the third council of the country's highest academic institution, which comprises 13 permanent members and 32 other members.

Among the important resolutions adopted today was one setting up a treaty committee and a lecture committee. It was also decided that the present Assembly will not bestow any honorary fellowships to foreign scholars. Today's meeting was presided over by Dr. Chu Chin-hua, the Minister of Education.

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Closing Times by Air

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
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Airmail for Manila P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Hankow, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo, Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles (via Cairo), Rome and London, Kowloon G.P.O., (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Japan (ordinary letters and cards only), 5 p.m.

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Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

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WHEN ALL SPOTS COUNT

IF THE CONTRACT is in No Trump, the number of spots on the small cards may prove decisive. That factor counts much more in No Trump play than in a suit contract, in which there may be only one to three rounds of tricks in any single suit, with later rounds trumped by one side or the other. In No Trump there is nearly always some one suit, sometimes more than one, in which all of the cards get played on leads of that suit, so that the relative size of two or more low ones on a late trick of the suit decides who gets the trick. And the question of who takes that particular trick may determine whether the contract is made or beaten.

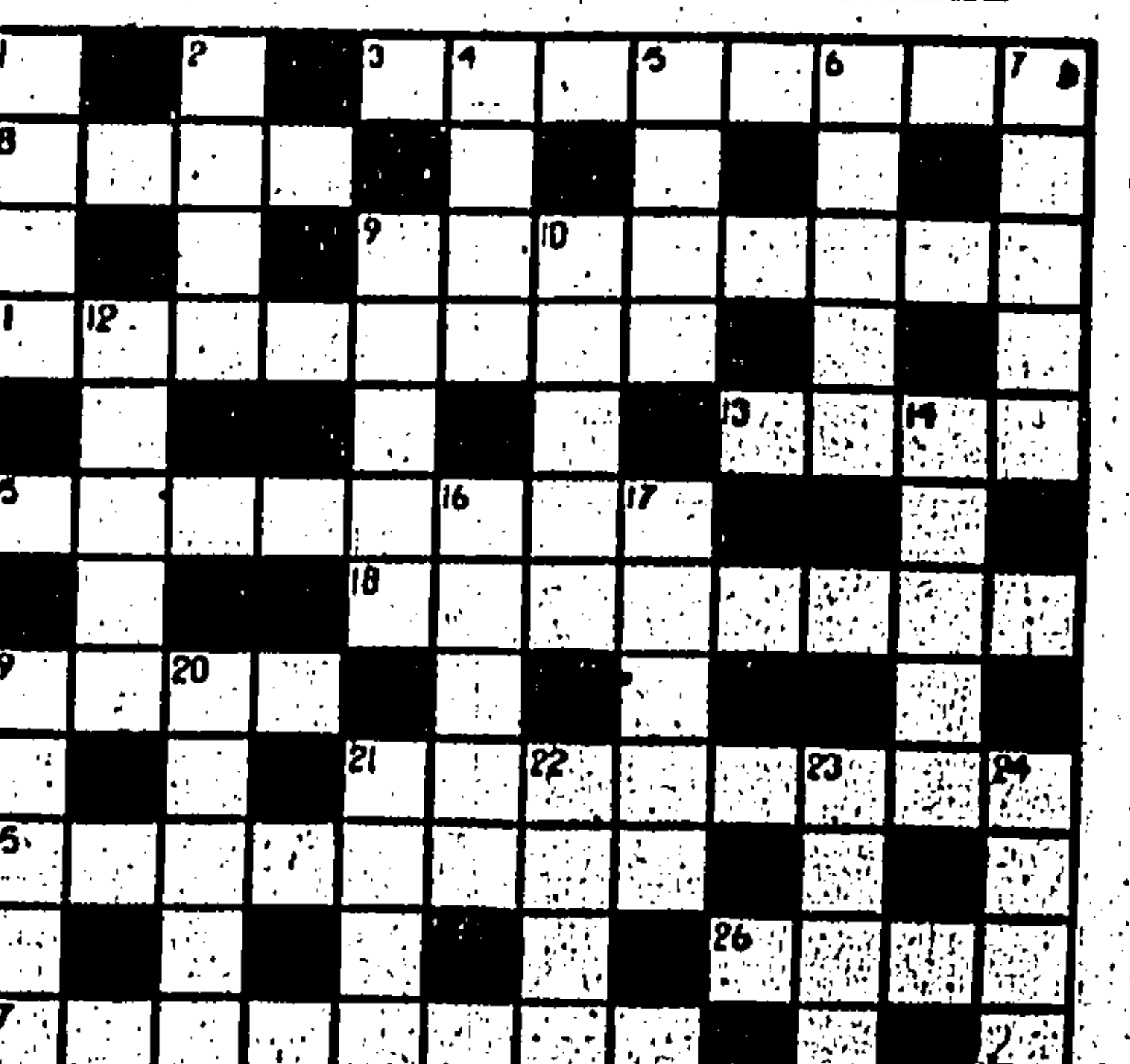
The single game-maker had to get a bit of help, as it developed. East opened the spade J because North did not seem to like that suit after his partner bid it in response to the double. This trick brought out the Q and K and West returned his 10. South was smart enough to duck that with the 3, whereupon West did just what the declarer hoped, led the 6. When that turned the 7 into a trick-taker, South was overjoyed. Normal play the rest of the way enabled him to add three tricks in hearts and two each in the minors to the brace of spade tricks to have the nine he needed.

That contract was set by entirely different defence. The club 5 brought the K and A heart K lost to the A, club 10 brought the J and Q spade J used the Q and K, spade 10 was ducked, but the West was keen enough to avoid another spade lead, preferring the diamond 2. As a result this declarer got only one trick in spades and could find only seven more. He lost a club at the finish, so was down one.

Tomorrow's Problem
SK 9764
HQ
D 10 4 2
C Q J 3
SQ 32
H J 6 5
D A 3
C K 9 7 5
SA J 8 9
H K 2
D K J 9 5
C A 10 8
(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

That bidding was funny enough, with one side reaching a No Trump game after the opponents had opened with a No Trump bid. But it happened at two tables of a match-point pair game. It produced a game at one table, whereas none of those who reached a game in the four-four heart suit managed to bring their contract home.

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Clues Across

3 Imaginative 18 Weakening
8 Victim 19 Cause
9 Trust 21 Feeler
10 worthy 25 Scatter
11 Set free 26 Difficult
13 Pile 27 Loneliness
15 Scorned

Clues Down

1 Gond 19 Ancestress
2 Scare 20 Channels
4 Poems 21 Team
5 Groovy 22 Waste
6 Column 23 stuff
7 Inexpensive 24 Clutter
9 Swift 25 Necessity
10 Flat 26 Stuff
12 Incident 27 Circulate
14 Cancel

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1. Forbid, 4. Cocos, 7. Intimate, 8. Deter, 9. Threat, 11. Isthmus, 13. Dissect, 15. Abated, 16. Strip, 19. Outlier, 20. Ledger, 21. Ejecta.
Down: 1. Flint, 2. Brine, 3. Drastic, 4. Credit, 5. Contempt, 6. Award, 10. Reserved, 12. Barite, 13. Dismal, 14. Expose, 16. Alike, 17. Davis.

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Soviet Note On Berlin Rejected

FOREIGN MINISTERS REFER MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL

Paris, September 26:

The Foreign Ministers of Britain, France and the United States today rejected the new Soviet note on Berlin as unsatisfactory and announced that they were referring the whole matter to the Security Council.

The decision was made public in a communique issued after the three Foreign Ministers—Mr. Ernest Bevin, of Britain, Mr. Robert Schuman, of France, and Mr. George Marshall, of the United States—had met for an hour and a half in the Quai D'Orsay (the French Foreign Office) here to discuss the latest Soviet reply to the Western powers' joint note on Berlin.

The Soviet note, handed in yesterday, was in reply to one from the Western Allies delivered three days ago to the Soviet Ambassadors in London, Paris and Washington.

The communique said: "In view of the fact that the Soviet Government, in violation of the understanding between the four powers, have chosen to make unilaterally its version of these negotiations, the three Ministers authorise the following statement:

"The Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States and France are in agreement that the Soviet note of September 25 is unsatisfactory. The Soviet Government fails to provide the assurance requested in the notes from the three Governments of September 22, 1948, that the illegal blockade measures will be removed.

"In addition, it demands that commercial and passenger traffic between the Western Zones and Berlin, by air as well as rail, water and road, be controlled by the Soviet Command in Germany. This demand of the Soviet Government is re-stated with emphasis in the official communique issued in Moscow.

"Moreover, in regard to currency, the Soviet note evades and does not answer the clear position stated by the three Governments. Accordingly, the three Governments are transmitting a note to the Soviet Government fully setting out their position and informing it that in view of the insistence of the Soviet Government upon maintaining the blockade and upon the institution of restrictions on all communications, they are compelled, in compliance with their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, to refer the matter to the Security Council.

Mr. Lewis Douglas, for the United States, Sir William Strang, for Britain, and Mr. Couve de Murville, for France, were meeting at 3.30 p.m. at the French Foreign Office to draft a reply to the Russian Government. A second meeting of the three Western Foreign Ministers was due to be held at 8.30 p.m. GMT. It was reliably learned tonight—presumably to approve this draft.

Experts of the three Western powers met this afternoon to continue their work on the necessary steps for informing the United Nations through its Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, of the Western powers' intention to take the issue to the Security Council. It is expected that a copy of the note, which is to be sent to the Soviet Government, will be forwarded to the United Nations together with a memorandum on the position of the three Western powers.

Two Factors
Earlier today, Tass, the Soviet news agency, had declared that only two factors—Soviet insistence on the control of all traffic, including air transport, into Berlin and refusal to consider any four-power control of currency in the Eastern Zone—were holding up East-West agreement over Berlin.

It now depended on the three Western powers whether the negotiations on Germany were broken off or whether a satisfactory agreement will be reached by the four powers, the agency declared.

The statement, published in all Soviet papers today, out-

lined the course of the Moscow negotiations until the agreed four-power objective was sent to the four Military Governors in Berlin, based on an agreement that the Soviet "blockade" of Berlin should cease and the Soviet mark, under four-power control, should be the only Berlin currency.

The agency said the statement, which did not mention the latest Soviet note, was authorised because Mr. Bevin's speech in the House of Commons on September 22 "did not convey a correct idea of the situation and not infrequently misleads public opinion."

The Soviet insistence on the control of air traffic into Berlin was based on the Moscow agreement that control over the Berlin currency and trade between the city and the Western Zones should be established, the agency said.

Reuters' diplomatic correspondent wrote that the agency's statement represented Soviet insistence on the interpretation of the four-power directive to the Military Governors which led to the breakdown of their talks in Berlin when it was outlined by Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor.

No Comment

In Washington today, State Department officials declined to comment on the Soviet version of the Berlin crisis, but regarded as the outstanding point the Soviet demand for control of all commercial transport to the city.

Officials said they regarded that control as being in fact a demand for the Western powers to be willing to pay to have the blockade lifted.

Well-informed diplomatic circles in London today believed that the Western powers in their note of September 22 requested a Soviet assurance that if the discussions by the four Military Governors of Berlin were resumed, the Soviet representative would adhere strictly to the terms of the four-power directive agreed to last month in Moscow.

Diplomatic circles in London believed that the Western powers had today frankly faced the risk that Russia might be led to leave the United Nations Organisation by their decision to refer the issue of the Berlin crisis to the Security Council.

Loss No Time

Observers expected tonight that the Western powers will lose no time in following up the decision taken at today's meeting between the three Western Foreign Ministers. It was thought here that the Western powers would not under the terms of Article 24 of the United Nations Charter, which empowers any member of the Organisation to bring before the Security Council or the General Assembly "any dispute or any situation which might lead to international friction or give rise to a dispute."

The Security Council is then empowered to determine whether the dispute or situation may endanger the maintenance of world peace. According to Article 27 of the Charter, the Soviet Union would be debarred from using its right of veto over any matter discussed under this Article.

It is clear from the statement made at the General Assembly last week by the Polish

Foreign Minister, M. Zigmunt Modzelewski, that the Soviet Government will contest the competence of any organ of the United States to handle the Berlin situation.

There is therefore the possibility that if the matter is pressed, the Soviet Government will withdraw from the United Nations. Certain quarters here suggest that the decision to go to the Security Council reflects an element of despair.

These quarters argue that it is scarcely conceivable that the Soviet Government will agree to lift the Berlin blockade in response to a decision by the United Nations, if it has already failed to do so as a result of quadripartite discussions.

This viewpoint may be a sound one, but not to refer the matter to the Security Council when direct contact between the parties concerned—as recommended in Article 33 of the Charter—had failed, would amount to a gesture of no confidence in the United Nations by the Western powers.

Contradiction

This would be a contradiction of their repeated declarations to have foreign policy on the United Nations.

If the Berlin situation was brought before the Security Council under Chapter 6 of the Charter, none of the big powers would have the right to veto. This would mean that the Ukraine, which would hold the decisive seventh vote, could, by abstaining, exercise a kind of veto.

If however, the issue is brought under Chapter 7, then all the big powers will have their normal veto rights. In these circumstances, United Nations circles do not expect the Security Council to be able to take any practical measures.

Observers believe the only value will be in bringing the dispute before world public opinion. Officials of the Western powers in Paris tonight predicted that an urgent request would be sent to the Secretariat of the United Nations to have the Berlin issue placed on the Security Council agenda—probably within the next few days.

Soviet semi-official statements and particularly recent articles in Pravda, the official Communist Party organ, suggest that the Soviet Union will contest the right of the three Western powers to raise a German problem in the United Nations by reciting Article 107 of the Charter.

This reads: "Nothing in the Charter shall invalidate or preclude action in relation to any State, which, during the second World War, has been an enemy of any signatory of the Charter, taken or authorised as a result of the war by the signatories having responsibility for such action."

The Western powers' interpretation of this Article is that it is clearly designed to prevent enemy powers appealing for legitimate enforcement of armistice or peace agreements and cannot be used to preclude a discussion by the United Nations of differences between the great powers which might possibly endanger peace.—Reuters.

Newspaper Dispute Continues

Berlin, September 26. Berlin's East-West "newspaper war" produced on Sunday sporadic fist fighting between German civilians and Russian-controlled police who tried to confiscate Western-licensed newspapers from them. The fights occurred on the elevated railroad system which the Russians control in all four-power sectors of the city under an agreement made in 1945.

The American-licensed DENA news agency said violent brawls had taken place on several trains crossing the American and British sectors of the city.

On some trains, the agency said, passengers reacted when told they would have to turn over their newspapers to the Russian-controlled police.

The newspaper war began when the Russians and their Communist allies banned Western Berlin newspapers from the Soviet zone.

Thus far Western Berliners here retaliated only with a counter boycott with most German dealers in the western sectors refusing to sell Russian-controlled newspapers and periodicals.

American authorities said that if violence continues it may be necessary to take over control of the elevated railway stations in the western sectors. "That will be done only if things get rough and such action is necessary to maintain public order," an official said. "The Russians have a hard and fast agreement three years old that they are to operate this transport system."

"There is nothing we can do about what happens on trains, but, as a last resort we could take over elevated stations and put them under local German administration in our sectors." Associated Press.

FOOD MINISTER THREATENED

Perth, September 26. Mr. John Strachey, Minister of Food, today carried on with his four days' series of meetings in his constituency here, not in the least disturbed by an anonymous threat yesterday to destroy him.

His secretary said that no steps had been taken to secure police protection for Mr. Strachey.

The anonymous letter was received yesterday by the local Communist Party. "We are out to destroy, if necessary," Mr. Strachey and all other madmen, such as Communists," it threatened.

The only indication of the sender was a reference to "Six Vigilantes."—Reuters.

SCHUMACHER LOSSES LEG

Frankfurt, September 26. Dr. Kurt Schumacher, the German Social Democratic leader, had his leg amputated because of thrombosis yesterday. First impressions of the doctors were that it had been hoped that prolonged treatment would avoid amputation or confine the thrombosis to the foot, but movement of the blood clot in the last few days made immediate action inevitable, it was stated.—Reuters.

Responsibility On Russia

Washington, September 27. The United States, Britain and France early today placed sole responsibility on the Soviet Union for the failure of the four powers to reach agreement on the Berlin blockade.

In identical notes, delivered to the Soviet Ambassadors in Washington, London and Paris, the three Western powers charged that Russia had clearly shown it was attempting by "illegal and coercive measures" to secure political objectives "to which it is not entitled and which it could not achieve by peaceful means."—United Press.

AMOY MIGHT BE EXCLUDED

Shanghai, September 26.

The exclusion of Amoy as an intermediary stop on the Shanghai-Manila air route is being proposed at government level to break the deadlock in the negotiations for a China-Philippines bilateral airline agreement, according to the China Press today.

The important air service between Shanghai and Manila was suspended some weeks ago after the Philippines Airlines protested against the exclusive use by Chinese planes of Amoy as an intermediary halt.

Airlines quarters here believed that the final draft of the bilateral air agreement will probably specify Iloilo and Canton as the respective intermediary airports on the formalised Shanghai-Manila run.—Reuters.

Churchill's And Eisenhower's Art

New York, September 26.

Paintings by Winston Churchill and General Dwight D. Eisenhower will be displayed at an exhibition which will open in New York tomorrow night in aid of charity.

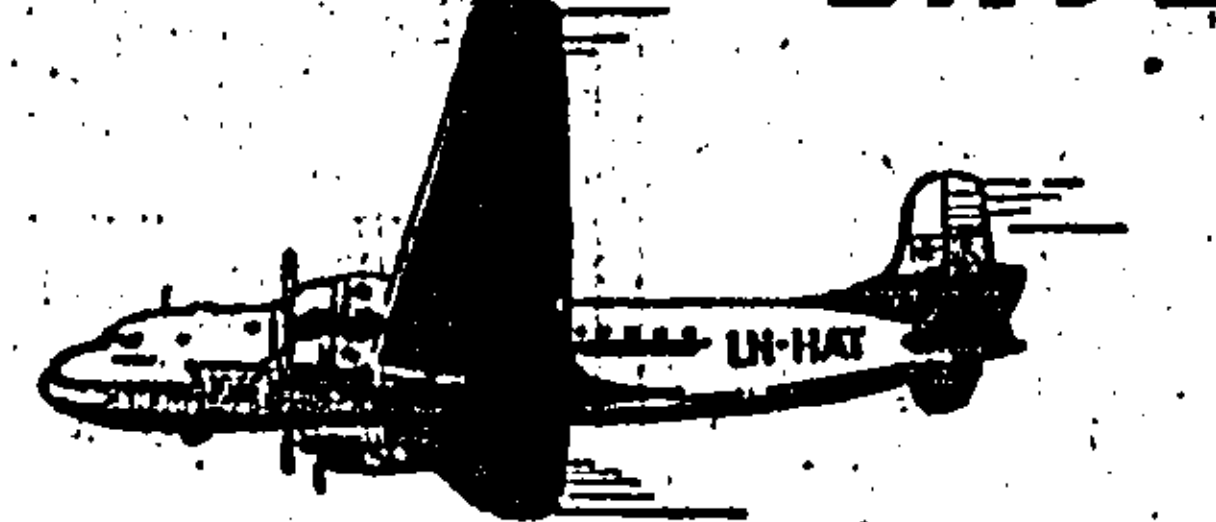
The General's canvas shows the head of an Indian in a broad-brimmed hat against a blue sky. On the other side is his work—a landscape dominated by large trees nearly obscuring a white house.

Eisenhower disclaiming any merit described it as the work of a rank amateur. Churchill's picture is entitled "View of the City Gate of Maranesh."

It was painted after the conference at Casablanca had ended and the British war-time premier had retired to the African city for relaxation.

The painting was presented to President Roosevelt.—Reuters.

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RUSSIANS DISCUSS SITUATION

Berlin, September 26. Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor, tonight called a meeting of his chief advisers at Karlshorst, the Soviet headquarters, to discuss the situation arising out of the reference of the Berlin crisis to the Security Council. German circles in close touch with the Russian Military Administration stated:

"It was noted that Marshal Sokolovsky had already received definite instructions from Moscow.

The first reaction from the Soviet side in Germany came when Herr Bruno Goldammer, chief editor of the Russian controlled Berlin radio station, tonight charged the Western powers with "torpedoing the institution of the United Nations by their decision."

Dr. Friedensburg, the Acting Lord Mayor of Berlin, tonight called a special meeting of the City Administration (the Magistrat) for tomorrow at 10.00 a.m. to discuss the new situation created by the Western powers' decision to refer the Berlin crisis to the Security Council.

The full Berlin City Assembly will meet at 3.00 p.m. tomorrow for the same reason. Dr. Otto Suhr, the Social Democratic chairman of the Berlin City Assembly, tonight welcomed the Western powers' decision, describing it as exactly what the City desired.

Dr. Wilhelm Pleck, chairman of the Socialist Unity Party, declared in an interview this evening: "The Soviet Union, as the Tass declaration proves, is prepared for a far-reaching compromise, but the Western powers are not interested in a de facto understanding with the Soviet Union on the Berlin question."

Berliners generally regarded today's decision by the Western powers as ending any hope of a final settlement by four-power negotiations before winter sets in. In fact, the Berlin population had never entertained much hope that the Soviet restrictions on movement across the zonal boundaries would be relaxed as a result of "friendly negotiations." Berliners now fear that severer restrictions on movements to and from the beleaguered city might be attempted by the Russians.—Reuters.

Dewey's Promise

Los Angeles, September 25.

A "world-wide counter-offensive against Communism" is promised by Mr. Thomas Dewey, Governor of New York, if he is elected President in November. It will be "a counter-offensive of trust and hope, not of aggressive acts," he told an audience in the Hollywood Bowl. He promised that his plan of action would be to keep the American people informed—where they (the Communists) were "and what they are up to."

"If they, or anyone else, break our laws against treason, they will get a traitor's treatment," he added. "If they engage in sabotage or break any other laws, we will jail them. If our laws are inadequate, we will get ones which are."—Reuters.

Cripps Leaves For Talks In US

Ottawa, September 26.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, and Canadian Finance Minister, Mr. Douglas Abbott, left Ottawa by air today for Washington for financial talks with the United States Government.

After attending tomorrow's opening session of the annual meeting of the governors of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, Sir Stafford will meet the Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. John Snyder.

Later, he will meet other members of the American cabinet. He will also make important private contacts with associates of Governor Thomas Dewey and perhaps with the Republican presidential candidate himself.—Reuters.

COUP PLOT IN PARAGUAY

New York, September 25.

A plot to assassinate President Natalicio Gonzalez of Paraguay has been uncovered, the Trans-Radio press agency reported tonight.

The agency said the assassination was to have been carried out by political opponents to take over the Government. An unnamed official was reported to have been arrested.—Reuters.

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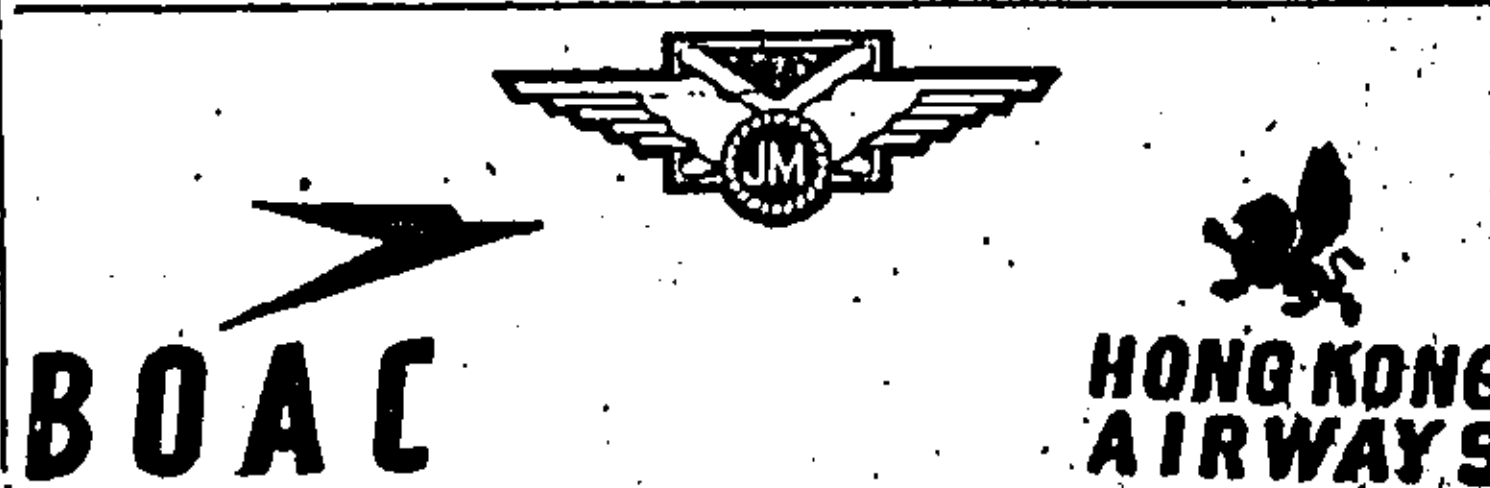
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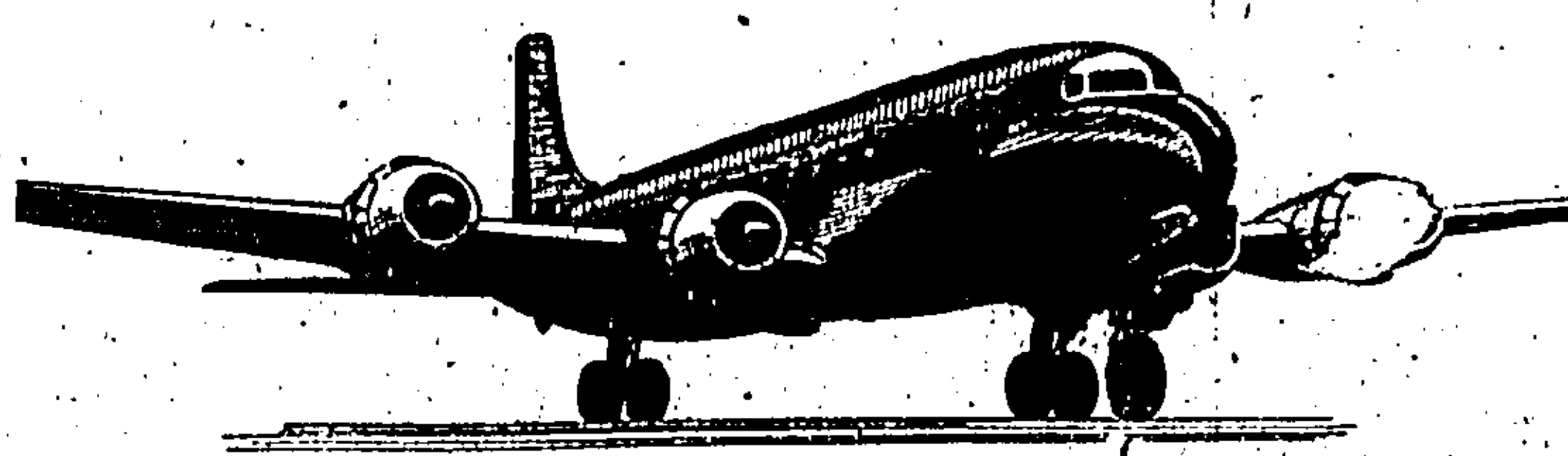
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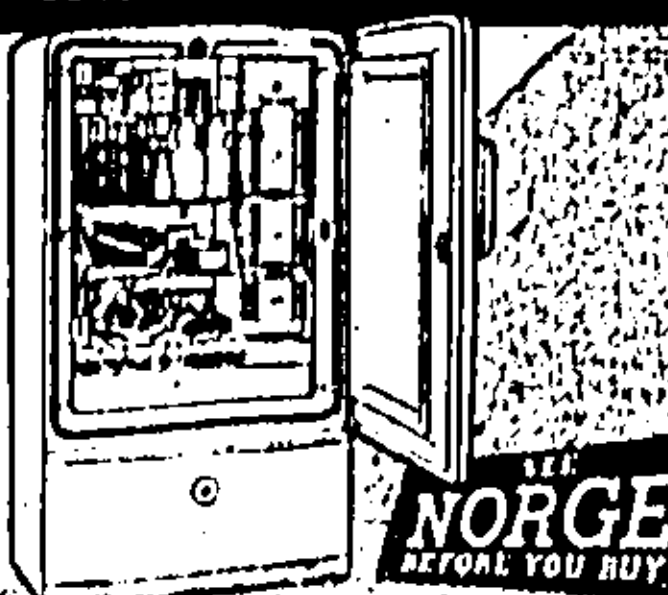
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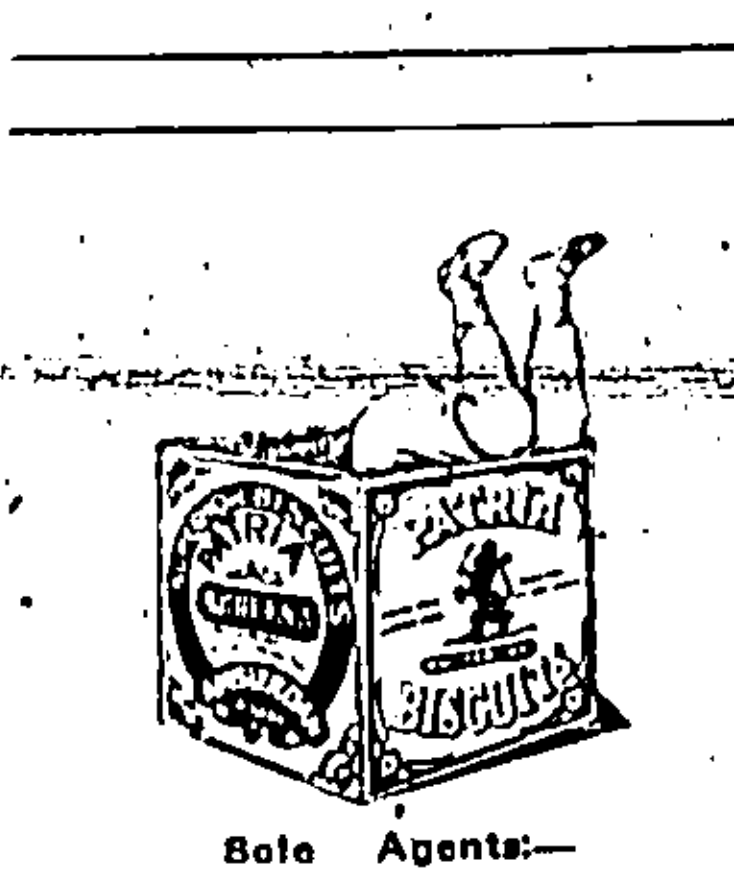
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THE STORY THUS FAR: King Richard, on leaving for the Crusades in 1191, put England under a Regency, entrusting his kingly duties to his brother, Prince John. A few months before the latter, Sir Robin of Locksley, a swash-buckling Norman knight, visits Sir Guy of Gisbourne, a Norman, then wanted by the king of France, who has been captured and held for ransom. John sees himself upon the English throne, but reckons without Robin.

CHAPTER II

Prince John spoke as though the news grieved him sorely. "Our good King Richard a prisoner!" he lamented. "My noble brother a captive in a foreign land!" Then, in his best imperial manner, he summoned a courtier. "Tell Sir Guy of Gisbourne to order a meeting of all the Norman barons... for a week from tonight!"

"This day he offered a royal arm to Lady Marian Fitzwater, and followed by the Bishop of the Black Canons, the High Sheriff of Nottingham and the rest of his traitorous Norman retainers, he left the courtyard for the Great Hall of the Castle. "You well know, Robin, what that means to all Saxons!" said Will Scarlet, as knight and squire entered "lingeringly out of Nottingham toward the open country."

"It means," answered Robin grimly, "that a mad dog will be let loose among them!" Then, with a steady spite, his hand on his trusty bow, he added, "Which means, a mad dog will be routed, Will, my lad!"

Within a week their prophecy came true. Inoffensive Saxons were thrown into irons, lashed and robbed, and their houses burned to the ground. Sir Guy of Gisbourne—so recently worsted in the joust by the enchanted lance of Sir Robin—was riding in state through Sherwood Forest one fine afternoon with other knights in armour, their squires and an escort of mounted men, when he spied far above him on a sunny slope a grazing deer.

He regarded it curiously, for it was no uncommon sight. But when the animal fell pierced by an arrow, Sir Guy reined his steed, and waited breathlessly. A moment later, a small, barefooted man in a leather jerkin ran from hiding, glanced furtively about and sang, no one, whipped out his knife, and knelt to skin his forbidden prey. Sir Guy spurred his horse, and gesturing to the others to follow, rode furiously up the slope toward the fallen deer. The poacher, hearing the commotion,

made a mad dash for his life, but soon the Norman horsemen, thundering about him, bore him to the ground. A swarthy man, he fought desperately, but was soon overpowered and borne panting and frothing at the mouth before the outraged Sir Guy of Gisbourne.

"Your name, you Saxon dog!"

"A better one than yours..."

"Mind your manners!" shouted one of the men-at-arms, a burly fellow, smashing him across the mouth. "This is Sir Guy of Gisbourne!"

"Sir Guy or the devil there's little choice between them..."

"I began the little man but a rain of kicks and blows silenced him. The man-at-arms, by way of precaution, pointed a knife at his throat.

"What are you called, I said!"

"Much-the-Miller's-Son..."

"You know it's death to kill the King's deer!"

"And death from 'unger if we don't... thanks to you an' the rest of Prince John's Norman cut-throats at Nottingham Castle..."

"Shut up, you!" bellowed the master-at-arms, doing disturbing things with the knife. But Much-the-Miller's-Son refused to be hushed. "I'll not shut up for no Norman 'edge-robbers, so I won't. Kill me if ye like, Sir Guy, but first I'll 'ave me say! Ye can beat an' rob an' starve us Saxons now... but when King Richard escapes and gets 'ome again, 'e'll take the lot of ye by the scruff o' the neck an' 'eave ye into the sea, so 'e will!"

Sir Guy in an overpowering fury, snatched his sword from its scabbard, raised it high and was about to strike down the little man without more ado. But at that instant a great black arrow screamed out of the forest. It struck the ground near Sir Guy's hand and hurled it a dozen yards away. With an exclamation he grasped his stinging wrist. Breathless silence fell upon the company.

Then they heard the snapping of twigs, and out of the green

Explorers, Scholars And A Nine-Year-Old Viscount

Montreal, September 26. A party of 65 British schoolboy-explorers, seven Canadian Rhodes scholars and a nine-year-old viscount, are among passengers bound for Liverpool in the Empress of Canada. The schoolboys are members of the British School Exploration Society, on their way home after six weeks' stay in the wilds of Northern Quebec. Viscount Carlou is the nine-year-old British peer, returning to England with his brother, the Hon. John Dawson Damer, and his mother, Mrs. Nugent after a visit in Canada. —Associated Press.

wilderness rode two merry knights, one in scarlet, one in Lincoln green.

"What the devil..." began Sir Guy, but the one in green interrupted him gently, a faintly ironical smile on his brown young face. "Come now, Sir Guy... you wouldn't kill my servant for telling the truth!"

"For killing the King's deer, whether for set or no set, Sir Guy rejoined sharply, "the penalty is death! 'If... this man is your servant... as you say..."

Still smiling Robin took his bow from Will Scarlet, fitted an arrow into it and aiming it at Sir Guy's heart, said courteously. The penalty, I take it, is still death, even if I intended the deer for Prince John's table—and mean to bring it to the meeting of the barons tonight at Nottingham Castle!"

Sir Guy looked hard at the arrow—looked hard at Robin. Then, white with rage, he wheeled his horse and started down from the glade. His men followed. Hurriedly Will Scarlet unsung his lute and began to strum the strings and to sing. He raised his voice so that it might be sure to reach the ears of the retreating Sir Guy.

"There was a knight who stormed a hill With full ten thousand men, And when, at last the top was won— He tumbled down again..."

Robin and Will laughed loud and long—laughed till the green forest rang with merry echoes.

Much-the-Miller's-Son had a sense of humour, too—but he had more important matters to settle, and his cat's face was exceedingly serious.

He padded across the velvet carpet of the turf, knelt awk-

wardly before Robin, took both his hands in his own, lifted them to his touselled head, and left them there, in token of fealty.

"Thanks, good master..." he mumbled in humble gratitude.

"Look before you shoot next time, little man," said Robin kindly.

"From this day, Master," vowed Much-the-Miller's-Son solemnly, "I follow only you!"

"What? Why, you don't even know me!"

"Don't know yer... tck... tck... tck! Why, bless your 'eart, there ain't a poor Saxon in all Nottinghamshire as don't know an' pray for Sir Robin of Locksley!"

"He needs their prayers..." "Take me for your servant, Master! In the 'ole forest there's no such 'unter as me, I'll be faithful to yer... I'll..."

"But I don't need you..." "I asks no pay, Master... I only asks to follow you..."

"But..."

"Where you goes," said Much obstinately, "I follows!"

"Fetch the deer, then..." "Almost fearful with joy Much-the-Miller's-Son did as he was told."

When at last Robin and Will Scarlet were mounted and ambling along under the shadowy boughs... Much trudged happily after, bearing the body of the deer on his shoulders. And the moon was rising.

"And now for Nottingham Castle and the brawling barons, Will," sang out Robin, "and chicken-hearted John!"

"I'm thinking he'll open his eyes when you crop down the deer before him!"

"He'll open them wider, in faith, at what follows!"

(Continued tomorrow)

Five Huks Killed In Luzon Battle

Manila, September 27.

Dispatches from the Central Luzon battle zone today said five Huks, including three high-ranking commanders, were killed in battle with special police in Nueva Ecija during the week-end.

In the Pampanga-Bulacan area, the Constabulary continued its shelling of islets in the Candaba Swamps.

Reports from Cabanatuan, capital of Nueva Ecija, said a band of 120 special policemen surprised a Huk council meeting at the boundary of Cabanatuan and Santa Rosa. The Huk commander in Nueva Ecija, Colonel Jose de Leon, presided at the meeting.

There were said five Huks, including three identified as commanders, were killed while two others were wounded and captured. The reports added that Col. de Leon himself and his chief of staff, identified as "Colonel Ramon" were believed to have been wounded, although able to flee.

Reports from Pampanga said Candaba residents were complaining of the foul smell pervading the town from scores of Huk bodies floating in the swamps, at which heavy artillery has been directed for two weeks.

Fliers Rescued

Mudfish vendors in San Fernando said people were refusing to buy the fish, believing they came from the swamps. The Constabulary are continuing amphibious operations in the swamps, determined to capture all islets where Huks are holding out.

Meanwhile, two Philippine Army fliers—Captains P. D. Lapuz and C. A. Mendigo—whose reconnaissance plane was shot down by Huk machinegun

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Two More Towns In Java Retaken As Indonesian Republicans Advance

Batavia, September 26.

Republican Indonesian forces, advancing on the Communist stronghold of Madiun, Eastern Java, today recaptured the towns of Magetan and Ngrambo, the Republican Radio at Jogjakarta reported tonight.

This brought the total of towns reported to have been recaptured to eight in the eight-day old Communist insurrection. The Communists still hold five towns.

Republican forces had taken prisoner Lieutenant Colonel Duhlan, a former commander of one of the Republican brigades which defected to the Communists, the Radio said.

Republican aircraft were distributing pamphlets over the battle area, it was added.

Earlier today, Antara, the Republican news agency, reported that the insurrection had spread to Purwodadi, 30 miles north of Surakarta, in the centre of the island.

The dismissed Republican Lieutenant-Colonel Sujeto, who has joined the Communists, had proclaimed a National Front Government for the Dutch-held Semarang district, Antara said.

SMUGGLER'S FORTUNE SEIZED

Singapore, September 26. Customs officers said they seized US\$500,000 in smuggled gold and diamonds on Sunday from a Dutch flight engineer on a K.L.M. plane when it arrived from Java.

A K.L.M. spokesman identified him as a Swiss national, a long-time resident of Australia and at present based at Batavia by the airline.

Police said he offered a US\$20,000 bribe to customs officers. He carried six kilograms of gold and 2,000 diamonds in a body belt. He was caught in a routine customs check, when the plane arrived from Batavia and Palembang.

Police expressed belief the arrest smashed a large-scale ring smuggling gold and diamonds to Singapore from Java. The Dutch impose strict regulations against the export of gold and valuables from the East Indies. Police said smugglers offer to smuggle out gold for US\$250 a kilogram.

Shanghai Raid

The Shanghai economic police experienced a profitable weekend when they seized HK\$500,000 more than 10 gold bars of 10 ounces each and an undisclosed amount of United States dollars during a swoop on black marketers' hideout in the western district.

Several arrests were made but the police believe that the ring-leader escaped. The foreign currencies and gold were hidden in a secret cabinet which the police discovered after a two-hour search of the house, Chinese reports said.

The police today refused to divulge to the press the name of the missing ring-leader, but disclosed that regional authorities throughout the country have been notified to help in his arrest.—Reuter and Associated Press.

CHINESE HONOURS FOR US GENERALS

Nanking, September 26. The Executive Yuan today decided to award decorations to over 100 American Generals for assistance in China's war effort. The Generals included, Brigadier General Francis G. Vandenberg, of the air force, Brigadier General Francis G. Brink, chief of the joint advisory staff of AAG and Brigadier General Laurence H. Kelsier, chief of the ground division of the AAG.—United Press

Expected Link

The insurgents retreating north of Surakarta were expected to link up with the Purwodadi rebels holding strategic positions on the highway between the Republican strike-heads of centre of Tepu and Badjonegoro in the north.

Yesterday, the reported Republican capture of three towns—Suwungan and Tegaldredjo, in the Magelang district north of the Republican capital of Jogjakarta, and Sarangan, 25 miles south-west of Madiun, brought the Government forces' total of recaptured towns to six.

Today's radio report said Government forces had taken over the Republican railways, post and telegraph services and that officials of these services had been put under military discipline.

Under the emergency Republican powers, President Sukarno had passed decrees speeding up trials and making it a criminal offense—punishable by death—to aid the rebels by kidnapping or subversive activity.

Leutenant Colonel Sujeto had been dismissed for supporting the rebels, the Republican Defence Department announced.

Registration

Madiun Radio reported today that Muso, the Communist leader who arrived in Java last month from Moscow, had ordered the population to register their gold, jewels and money. Citizens would not be allowed more than 500 rupiahs (roughly 210), he said, and violators would be liable to severe punishment and confiscation of their property.

An official Republican commentator on Jogjakarta Radio tonight accused the Communist "Prime Minister" at Madiun, Dr. Amir Sjarifoeddin, formerly the Socialist Premier of the Republic, of having misappropriated political funds which he had received during his Premiership last year.

The money had been given to Dr. Sjarifoeddin's own fighting organisation without a formal account, the commentator said. To judge from this, he added, the Sjarifoeddin group of politicians had long been prepared for what was happening now. The rebellion, the commentator declared was not a Communist revolution but had its roots in a group of dissatisfied intelligentsia who were "using Communism for their self-seeking ends, blinding and misleading the illiterate masses with sweet promises."—Reuter.

New Movement By Bach

Leipzig, September 26. A battle of words—has broken out here over the remains of Johann Sebastian Bach, who died in 1760. The sarcophagus containing the composer's remains lies under the ruins of the blitzed St. Johannes Church in Dresden, which is not being rebuilt.

Leipzig is bitterly divided as to whether the remains should be reinterred in St. Thomas Church here or in a specially built mausoleum. Reuter.

INSPECTION OF SHANGHAI GODOWNS

Shanghai, September 27. The Shanghai Economic Control Administration is mobilising 3,000 investigators for a thorough inspection of godowns in the city from October 1, it was reported today.

The new inspectors are being obtained from the newly-recruited Greater Shanghai Youth Corps who pledged allegiance to President Chiang Kai-shek in a telegraphic message to Nanking yesterday.

The message said, in part, that "under no circumstances will we compromise with the enemies of the Revolution—the Communists, the treacherous merchants and corrupt officials."

It also signified their determination to help promote the nationwide austerity drive under the supreme leadership of the President.

In two other proclamations addressed to Shanghaians and the youths of the city, the Youth Corps said that they would wage a relentless war against the city's "poor, unscrupulous merchants and whatever deep-rooted evil influences that are threatening the peace and livelihood of the people."—Reuter.

SIX JAPANESE POWs ESCAPE

Manila, September 27. Six Japanese war prisoners, escaped from the United States Army stockade in South Manila last night, according to a United States Army press release this morning.

The Japanese were awaiting war crimes trials at Mandaluyong. A combined United States Philippine army and Philippine police are searching the Manila area.—Reuter.

SPAIN MAY GET COMBINED LOAN FROM US, UK

London, September 26. The Sunday Times said today in a front-page copyright dispatch by its diplomatic correspondent, that Spain may get a combined loan from the United States and Britain.

The dispatch said that in return, General Franco has already agreed to certain modifications in his constitution, and that the signs of this will be seen in the November municipal elections.

The dispatch said that the loan had been settled and this agreement may pave a way for the entry of the Iberian peninsula into the Western Union.

Other signs that show the West might accept Spain in the Western Entente, according to the dispatch, were:

First, the recent extension of the Spanish-Portuguese treaty and Franco's planned visit in October to Lisbon, where joint measures, in case of war, will be discussed.

Secondly, the acknowledgement of the Prince of Asturias as Franco's official heir which the dispatch said will be officially announced soon.

The correspondent said that the chief reason for Don Juan meeting with General Franco, was to get Don Juan's agreement on General Franco's heir.

Spain increasingly needed Western help if General Franco wanted to avoid an economic blow-up and internal Communist troubles.—United Press.

Japanese Hunger Strike In Tokyo

Tokyo, September 27. One thousand five hundred Japanese are expected to go on a mass hunger strike this evening in an appeal for the repatriation of all Japanese from Manchuria and Siberia by the end of the year.

The action is to follow a rally called by the Overseas Japanese Repatriation Assistance Association at Hibiki Public Hall today.

All families with members who have not yet returned from Soviet territories have been invited to this biggest of the numerous protest gatherings.

The hunger strikers will begin the fast in the plaza in front of the Imperial Palace.—Reuter.

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